

TENNESSEE CoCoRaHS

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Cold and Snowy Start for 2010! In Nashville and many other locations, January was cold with above normal snowfall! We also had one tornado that occurred on Sunday, January 24 in Robertson County. So we can be warm one day with tornadoes and then snow the very next day! Tennessee weather can be a challenge for anyone, but with your efforts and observations you help your local forecasters to better forecast the weather, and actually “see” what is going on! Again, Thank You!

Are any of you having issues with your rain gauge freezing up? One of our very own CoCoRaHS member, Gerald Payne, has a solution to help you out. An answer to the rain gauge freezing to the mounting bracket is simple. All it takes is a very small squirt of WD-40 and "WOW" no more freezing. The WD-40 displaces the moisture. No moisture no freezing. For cleaning the rain gauge I found a soft bristle brush with a long handle at WalMart and is located in the area where the brooms and mops are. The brush cost about \$2.00. The brush fits perfectly into the small tube. Give it a squirt of Dawn dish washing soap and some hot water. Wishie - wishie washie round and round a few times and you have a bright shinny new official CoCoRaHS rain gauge.



If you have any pictures or stories you'd like to share please email them to Ralph at ralph.troutman@noaa.gov.

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